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BEGIN SUMMARY: AFTER AMBASSADOR OUTLINED KEY POINTS REFTEL FONMIN EXPRESSED CONTINUING ROKG INTEREST IN DECISIONS RE PRIORITY ISSUE AND CONTENT OF POLITICAL INITIATIVE WE PLANNED TO PUT FORWARD. END SUMMARY.

1. AMBASSADOR CALLED ON FOREIGN MINISTER PARK TONG-JIN JULY 9 TO CONVEY POINTS OF KEY INTEREST TO ROKS CONTAINED REFTEL. ON SUBJECT OF PRIORITY FOR FRIENDLY RESOLUTION AMBASSADOR EXPLAINED THAT WE HOPED TO POSTPONE FINAL DECISION THIS ISSUE UNTIL RESULTS LOBBYING EFFORTS OUTLINED REFTEL BETTER KNOWN. ROKG'S OWN VIEWS THAT IT MIGHT PROVE BEST TO DELAY SUBMISSION OF RESOLUTION IN ORDER TO REMAIN CONSISTENT WITH OUR OVERALL EFFORT TO AVOID CONFRONTATION HAD BEEN PRINCIPLE REASON FOR DECISION NOT TO PRESS FOR PRIORITY AT THIS TIME. REGARDING POLITICAL INITIATIVE AMBASSADOR SAID WE ARE PLANNING REITERATION OF SEPTEMBER 22, 1975 PROPOSAL SOON; WE GREATLY APPRECIATED ROK SUGGESTIONS REGARDING INITIATIVE AND WE'RE GIVING THEM FULL AND
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CAREFUL CONSIDERATION. FRIENDLY RESOLUTION DRAFT WORKED OUT IN

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CORE GROUP, AMBASSADOR NOTED, CONTAINED ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS REQUIRED;
WE MIGHT HAVE SOME LANGUAGE CHANGES TO SUGGEST LATER SAID THE
AMBASSADOR. AMBASSADOR ALSO NOTED OUT PREFERENCE FOR ROK DRAFT
EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM. AMBASSADOR WARMLY WELCOMED ROKG DISPATCH
OF LOBBYING MISSIONS (PARA 6 REFTEL) AND IN THAT CONNECTION
OUTLINED PROPOSALS FOR LOBBYING CONTAINED PARA 3-5 REFTEL, NOTING
THAT WE WOULD BE RAISING PROPOSED NEW APPROACH IN NEW YORK.
AMBASSADOR EMPHASIZED THAT WE WISH TO COMPLEMENT AND SUPPORT
EFFORTS BY MISSIONS ROKG WAS DISPATCHING AROUND THE WORLD.

2. FOREIGN MINISTER PARK NODDED GENERAL APPROVAL AND EXPRESSED
APPRECIATION FOR BEING INFORMED ABOVE POINTS. HE WAS OBVIOUSLY
STILL PREOCCUPIED WITH PRIORITY QUESTION AND HOW HE MIGHT EXPLAIN
TO PRESIDENT PARK WHY U.S. NOW DELAYING DECISION ON SEEKING
PRIORITY. HE EXCSLAINED ONCE AGAIN HOW HE HAD EARLIER TURNED
PRESIDENT AWAY FROM HIS OWN INITIAL INSTINCTS NOT TO SEEK PRIORITY
BY SAYING U.S. WISHED TO DO SO. FONMIN SAID HE HAD NOW GOTTEN
IMPRESSION FROM REPORT OF CONVERSATION BETWEEN AMBASSADOR HAHM
AND ASSISTANT SECRETARY LEWIS TWO DAYS AGO THAT USG IN FACT
DEFINITELY OPPOSED TO SEEKING PRIORITY FOR FRIENDLY RESOLUTION.
IF THIS WAS IN FACT U.S. FINAL POSITION IT WOULD BE ACCEPTABLE
TO ROKG, BUT HE WOULD AWAIT OUR FINAL DECISION BEFORE DISCUSSING
QUESTION FURTHER WITH PRESIDENT PARK. AMBASSADOR CONFIRMED TO FONMIN
THAT OUR FINAL POSITION NOT DETERMINED AND THAT WE WOULD BE BACK
TO HIM AS SOON AS IT WAS.

3. ONLY OTHER SUBSTANTIVE POINT PARK MADE WAS TO URGE AGAIN
SPEEDY DECISION REGARDING CONTENT AND ANNOUNCEMENT OF PROPOSED
POLITICAL INITIATIVE. HE ASKED THAT ROKG BE CONSULTED JUST AS
SOON AS WE HAD REACHED CONCLUSIONS ON CONTENT OF INITIATIVE.
THE AMBASSADOR ASSURED PARK THAT WE WOULD DO THIS.
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